

20-Year Plan Overview

- In June 2000, a 20-Year
 Transportation Plan for the Route
 40 Corridor was adopted by a
 Steering Committee made up of
 area residents, civic leaders, business
 people and elected officials.
- Transportation improvements to School Bell Road were recommended in Phase II of that Plan and have been advanced to address existing transportation concerns.



Purpose of the Workshop

- The purpose of this workshop is to present the preferred design alternative that was chosen based on input from the first public workshop in March.
- The proposed improvements displayed tonight have been developed into preliminary construction plans. Based on comments received tonight, the preferred alternative will continue through final design.



Existing Conditions

- The limits of the project are the SR 1 overpass on the northwest and the US 40 intersection on the southeast.
- The following conditions have been observed and/or measured along School Bell Road:
 - No shoulders along the bulk of the roadway
 - Four curves
 - Twenty-one reported accidents over a three and a half year study period (May 1999 through Dec. 2002), including nine injuries and two fatalities
 - No pedestrian or bicycle accommodations
 - Drainage ditches immediately adjacent to the pavement at some locations
 - Utility poles closer to the pavement than desirable
 - Acute angle at the US 40 intersection



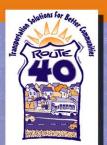
Workshop Survey Summary

- A review of the verbal and written survey responses from the March workshop demonstrated the following:
 - The top three priorities for transportation issues were ranked as follows:
 - 1. Sharp Curves
 - 2. Safety
 - 3. Speeding
 - 82% of the respondents preferred the reconstruction with newly aligned curves along the west end.
 - The survey responses were not conclusive for the east end alternative; however, the following issues were addressed in design:
 - 1. Reduce number of new curves
 - 2. Minimize property impacts/save restaurant
 - 3. Improved signal/pedestrian access at US 40
 - Drainage issues at Jamestowne/Whethersfield



Proposed Improvements

- To address issues brought up during the first workshop, the preferred alternative will incorporate the following:
 - Reconstruction of School Bell Road with newly aligned curves
 - Widening to provide shoulders/bike lanes
 - Curbs and sidewalks
 - New drainage system
 - Realigning School Bell Road at US 40
 - Improved pedestrian access at US 40
- The project is currently funded for fiscal year 2005.
- Construction could potentially start in summer 2005.



ROUTE 40 CORRIDOR 20 - YEAR TRANSPORTATION PLAN

School Bell Road Typical Sections

